

# Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group

## January 6, 2010

### Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Group Members – Carl Elefante, Co-Chair; Rich Thometz, Dusty Rood, Rick Brush, John Cooke, Mark Pfefferle, Steve Shofar, Keith Levchenko, Diane Cameron, Co-Chair (via phone)

Guests – Amy Quant, Mary Dolan, Jennifer Russel, Nancy Aldous, Bob Harris, Jim Soltesz, Mike McCann, Claire Iseli, Bette Petrides

Staff – Joyce Fuhrmann

Carl Elefante assumed the Chair for this meeting. The group discussed the logistics for the field trip to Clarksburg on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Fuhrmann will email everyone to get an exact head-count. Those traveling from MNCPPC in Silver Spring need to meet at 8:30AM. Those traveling from the up-county will meet at 9AM (the exact location TBD via email). Given the weather prediction for a snow event on Thursday night/Friday morning, Diane Cameron reminded everyone that January 15<sup>th</sup> is the back-up date for the trip. Diane Cameron also requested that Keith Van Ness attend the field trip.

The Group reviewed the list of all speakers proposed to present to the Group in the context of the remaining meeting dates in January. Dusty Rood recommended that ‘NPDES-NOI State Permit’ be added as a topic. Carl Elefante suggested that a discussion on trends involving water re-use in buildings would be useful, too. After much discussion the Group agreed to the following schedule:

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Federal Regulations, Rain for Rent and NPDES

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Ernie Sheppe, Fred Jacobs, Mark Etheridge, pervious concrete

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rose Krasnow, Keith Van Ness (on SPAs)

January 27<sup>th</sup> – All day summit

Next, the Group reviewed a proposal from Diane Cameron on report deadlines. The Group agreed that drafts will have to be reviewed on a rolling basis. Carl Elefante recommended and the group agreed that a group member will be in charge of writing a summary of that week’s discussion for the report. The assignments are as follows:

January 6<sup>th</sup> – Rick Brush

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Rich Thometz

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Dusty Rood and Rick Brush

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mark Pfefferle and Steve Shofar

The topics and structure for the all day summit were not finalized. However, there was interest in securing a facilitator for that final session.

Rick Brush led the discussion on the 2010 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control. He distributed a handout from ‘Section A- Planning

and Design' and walked the group through the important changes in this draft. Group members had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss various points throughout the presentation. Rick Brush stated that this is the draft that is out for comment and that MDE's expectation is to have these standards adopted by late spring of this year. Rick Brush stated that he expects Montgomery County would then have a year to adopt new standards to conform to the new state standards, although we do not yet have the official time frame from the state. Due to these expected timelines, the group agreed that whatever is adopted in these new regulations will govern any projects going forward in Ten Mile Creek.

After the conclusion of the discussion on the 2010 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, Chair Elefante opened the floor to any other comments or discussion. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.